

to see some great masses fall! Only think these glaciers
come down from the great sea of ~~water~~ ice, 300 sq
miles, round which these stern, faint mountains
stand as guard - Sunday morn. we visited the upper
Glacier while Dr. Gray went to church - Walked into a low
gully cut in which ^{the ice} ends, & which winds in until you are
quite shut in in this clear blue ice. In some places ~~remains~~
of old ice, how many years nobody knows, lies black under
the heavier white, shows how glaciers retreat & advance
again - It is some 200 or more feet shorter than we saw it 19
years ago, & shrunk Cromornich, leaving the immense mass of
moraine on each side - We saw some time under a great
shoulder formerly brot down, & stuck at the low arch, the dirty,
rapid torrent rushing out, & above as it bends over to the valley,
the wonderful rifts & chasms & peaks & needles truly of this
white ice, or blue in the crevices - It is utterly impossible to get
upon the lower end, you must go up miles, & where it is more
level - Fortunately some men had partly made the ascent,
& when one could barely see the little black moving specks
on the green it's just over our heads, one could realize a
little the vast sight of bare rock, snow crowned, & stretching
above - The weather looked uncertain, fortunately we
decided to drive down to Interlachen before dark, for
next morn. it rained hard - I had not thought before how high
the valley lay, but it was almost steady descent all the way.

Finished Paris, Aug. 1st '69 -

My dear Sue, We were all glad ev. to be quiet
for awhile in our rooms after getting to Grindelwald
for we walked more than we had intended, &
the roads were very bad - They say the Oberland
is more visited than any other part of
Switzerland, & it is a great shame the roads are so
poor, so badly made, so badly engineered, such a
contrast to those of Zermatt & Chamouni - Dr.
Gray said he had walked over the Bernese Alp
30 years ago, & 19 years ago, & he meant to walk it now -
So he walked 2 1/2 hours to Mürren, slept there, came
down next morn. in 1 1/2 hours, walked up the Bern
Alp & down to Grindelwald getting there at 6,
all in very nearly 24 hours! He says he was very much
mistaken when he thought in the Engadine he had
lost breath - That was caused by the beginning of a
very bad cold, & his mind & legs are almost as good
as ever! He did have a wretched cold that hung on
very obstinately, & it is only the last few days that he
has quite thrown it off - The guide leading my horse
said, "Monsieur a de très bon pieds!" - Baedeker, the
guide book, says, "Beaucoup de patience & de petites
monnaies," must be provided for the Oberland, & the

'small change' is true law - Then blow huge horns some
8 ft. long, broken echoes, old women offer little
bunches of flowers, & young women small wood cane
rings, &c. little children baskets of raspberries or bunches
of edelweiss, (I enclose a specimen, it grows very high
& near glaciers,) then old women string & little, fine
my boys, & plates of straw-berries are set in front of
Chalets, & every device is practiced to earn a few
centimes - But their season is short & they must
make the most of it - ³Grindelwald is a green val-
ley lying on one side under the sharp, high peaks of
the Wetterhorn, the Mittelberg & Eiger, which show
almost precipitous faces of bare rock, snow-crowned,
& between which come down the upper & lower glaciers
quite into the valley, & below the range of cultivation:
The other side stretches up in rich looking slopes to the
high wooded hills, & ^{bare} green mountain tops behind. The
houses are just like the little fancy Swiss cottages one sees
in boxes, pretty & comfortable looking, some quite large,
& the grain fields looked rich - We passed herds of
fine-looking cattle, the cows small handsome &
altogether it was more rich & thriving looking than
the Rhone valley & its tributaries - The people are more
healthy looking, & not so hard-worked - And Sunday
there was a great display of costumes, - white chemisettes

& black bodices, dark skirts & huge light colored aprons,
the apron is a very important part of dress. Some
had little black velvet caps with broad tll lace in
front, falling round the head & face, & some straw
hats - Some young girls had only their hair braided
in long twists round their heads - They had planned
red going up the Saub' horn on Saturday to sleep, &
get the grand panorama, - but our good weather,
in which we have been so highly favored, seemed
over, & threatening clouds gave poor promise for
sun-set or sun rise - So they gave it up, & after a
quiet, resting morning, Dr. Gray & Charles, L. & K. set off
the three on horseback, to visit the lower glacier -
They had not been gone long when it began to rain heav-
ily, & I watched them through the glass to a shelter.
When it stopped & I saw them walking - After a while
it poured again with sharp thunder, & I got a little
anxious - At 6 1/2 Dr. Gray arrived, well wet - He had taken
a short cut on foot, had shelter thro' part of the rain, &
met them going up as he came back - He had no
change of clothes, & so went to bed - They did not get
back until after dark, (Anna & I had had our tea,) very
wet & very dirty, but I am happy to say they had tak-
en no cold, & enjoyed the grand view of the great
view, & broken & tossed - Dr. Gray was so lucky as

in me at noon, & as we drove with them, and
presently Dr. Gray & Prof. G. appeared, & we had a walk
through the ladies' promenade & their library & house.
(One of those wonderful & delicious great mis last!)
In fact, a pleasant dinner, & some conversations, very
simple, & easy, intelligent, & very nice, the brother, Mr.
Godet, & the young men - But as Mr. Godet was the only
one who talked with us, & he was imperfectly, he
had to depend entirely on French, & now & do stumble,
& wander when several were listening, & it was
very odd! I understand said, but the horrible
order, & reason of the words! - After dinner they took us
to the theatre & the collection of pictures & native
art. There were some beautiful landscapes by
Cottet, charming scenes of peasant life, & scenes, but the
treasure, a grand sun-view on the lake by Salame -
Then we went into a museum of all the animals, birds
of every kind, stuffed & preserved & preserved, from birds
to insects, & fishes & shells, the number & variety won-
derful! And a most amusing apparatus of little animals
stuffed & representing scenes. A trial in court, a funeral
with delicious, prominent owls, the son coming as sentenced
& the cut, & do as police-man in various manners as was
receiving stolen goods, & at a time, & c., & the expression
on the face was wonderful. I tried unsuccessfully,
& got some photographs of them - Then I went back

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A fine night-ride, but our driver helped the carriage
with shoe & brake - The mountains were grander than
ever, for soft, fleecy clouds skirted & then veiled & then
hovered amidst them, & the tops looked sublime when
just appearing above the great soft mass, rolling white be-
low them - Hottelhorn, Mittenberg & Eger are all too sharp
& precipitous & have much snow upon them, only in rifts
& patches, or on the more sloping side from us - And as
we moved away, the cone of Cheockhorn came in sight
behind the Mittenberg - The valley was rich with grain
fields, the houses large & comfortable looking, mightily
trimmed with wood carvings, occasionally toys on
the outside - The people were chattering in groups & the chil-
dren toddling round - But before we reached the Lauter-
brunnen valley, from which Findelwald branches, it grew
wild & narrow, & the black dachshund tumbled through the
road following closely its side & sometimes crossing it - How
cold the air from these glacier streams is! I had thought
it 1/2 hours drive, but it was fully 2 1/2, & almost quite
dark when we reached our hotel, so it made possible
tea, too late for a good night's sleep, & so new day I did
not feel energetic under the rainy sky, & so I gave up
gave up the plan of going off to pass the day at Jeibach &
see the famous fall - The others decided too, to wait for the
boat, as exploring a waterfall all day in the rain

is not tempting - so we could not
+ trunks, + did some shopping in Swiss wares - And at
5 1/2 they all departed, Charles, Anna, Lizzie + Katherine, to
take the steamer over the Lake of Geneva to Fribourg -
Next morn. by diligence over the Bernese Pass to the sake
of Geneva, down that on steam-boat + then by rail to
Basle - Thence by Strasbourg + Berlin, burg + down the
Rhine to Cologne, joining us in Paris next Monday morn.
Anna Gray's last movements will be decided by what she
hears from Mrs. Huntington - Dr. Gray + Miss Carter =
Lachen on Tuesday morn. at 1/2 to 10 - Met the Messrs.
Shippen on the boat, + got to Bern at 1. Had dinner, +
then took a carriage with them to see the Curious town,
part arcades, + odd square towers + old walls + new build-
ings + broad streets in strange contrast - The cathedral
has some fine balustrades outside round the roof, + a
 queer representation of the vice + foolish trifles over the
font fountains - The vice begins with burning lamps, smok-
ing, sweet + self-consciousness, food, drink, the foolish, dolo-
ful + sleepy, + some quite bawling + blubbering - The terrace at
the side is very grand - So high a perpendicular wall, that
you look above the ridge-poles of the houses on the street running
below! It is planted with trees, + seats are placed; + men
were smoking + chaffing, + women knitting + sewing +
wrapping + tending babies in the cool shade - There is

a magnificent view the whole Bernese range - It
seem from it, but we could only see bewildering clouds
+ rising mountains, + had to content ourselves with the
memories of the week before - Then we went to see the
five bears kept by the town of Berne + viewed one bear
in a bath in the pool built in his pit, as he paddled in
+ laid down, + amused himself playing with a stick set
the point + up over him, then came in quite lively, +
trotted about to draw himself - There are two deep, slanted
pits in the trees in the middle for them to climb + a tank
in each, + then cells behind - Three little bears playing
lively, in pairs one side, two larger ones the other - Bears are
brought in Bern, in good strong bronze, + every kind
of device - When we went to see the famous clock strike,
a little group at one side, where an old man nods his
head + opens his mouth, + turns his long glass, + an atten-
tant bear also nods his head as many times as the clock
strikes, a harlequin strikes the bell, + a procession of bears
moves below, + a cock crows loudly three times - Then the
fountain, where an open hole is one child in his mouth +
others tucked about in his wit + wits, + then to the R.R.
station + view - wait in the train - We got to Fribourg
som 10. P. - The hotel was in a beautiful situation on
the lake shore, + I had a quiet night, while Dr. Gray
went out to work with Mr. Godet - Middle. I came to call

ful carvings, Philip the Bold & Jean sans peur &
his wife Marguerite of Burgundy - rather plain in
bust & expression as they lay stretched in full sized
effigies - The monuments were shattered in the res-
toration of '93, but the fragments preserved & since
restored - we left for Paris at 11^{1/2}, only first class
on the express train, as we were packed, I found
people, in two common-sized carriage bodies side
by side, stuffed & covered with broad-cloth & woolen
curtains, to smother & pant for 6 1/2 hours - European r.r.
carriages may be more comfortable & ingenious for
cold weather, but give me for a hot day our free ven-
tilation, & not to face your neighbour - & never room to
stretch your feet without hitting him, & then only the
two large door windows & a little one at their side, that
the four lucky people control, indifferent to the sun
that scorches their neighbours, or that their drawn
curtains are shutting off the ventilation, unless, still
more, like a little Frenchman one of our company,
you choose to refresh & air yourself by making yourself
the curtain, especially when stopping at a station.
An English party of 3 had 3 of the window seats, & he
the 4th, and I must say the young Englishman next
me, was about as selfish & ungracious a specimen as
one often meets, & none seemed to recognize there

to the hotel & rest, & try to do some more classical
work. It was very warm that day, & the day before - he
came for me towards sunset, & we went to the jet from
the quay the view, sometimes seen, of all the hills from
Rome to Mt. Blanc - Carli, St. Peter's, Esquilina, Campagna
had shown shadow on the images, but evening clouds &
 haze had shut all out, & only imagination said monu-
ments were there! - We went to the bazars to get some
last little specimens of Swiss work. It is astonishing how
the style & taste of Swiss carving is improved
since we were abroad before, it is so bold - fine
now! if only the distance were not so great & the
things so hard to carry, there would be no resisting
the temptations of beautiful, large clocks in each
carved case, fine reliquaries of birds & game, heads of
Chamois, goats, bulls, &c. & the old spoons & forks, &c.
have such graceful handles - One's purse will
be short for all the beautiful, artistic things one
sees everywhere - The next morn. we left Geneva
en route at 10 - The rail-road is high above the town
& a steep ride & it, - and the omnibus horses were
almost as stout & large as in our ice-carts - such
fine horses as he have been almost everywhere in
Germany & Switzerland, in the street cabs & omni-
buses - I remember at Augsburg, I thought it looked

is if a gentleman's stable were standing in the street
for hire. And it is rare to see the beautiful, mottled
chairs one sees at home or in the park. And yet the
street carriages are almost all so cheap.

The rail-road from Neuchâtel to Dijon crosses the
Jura, & if one were not directed from Paris thro' &
villies, the fine large & deep valley with the little
stream running below, & the deep hollows among
the high hills, & thriving villages in such green
villies would seem very striking. But the Alps
make less bold things a little tame, & I confess to
be a little disappointed, after all I had heard
of the grand beauty of the route. ^{thro' the val de Travers} But it was pleas-
ant to see everything so thriving, such signs of pros-
perity, manufactories & farms, & comfortable looking
houses - very New England looking villages, with
pointed church spires - It had been an uncertain
day, raining in early morn'g. & cool among the
hills, but as we made the rapid, steep descent
towards France, it grew hot, & was uncomfortable
& oppressive before reaching Dijon at 4 1/2 - We
had two pleasant Canadians in the carriage, one
of the nicest, most kindly civil & polite young men
I have seen this many a day, & the elder, agreeable
& sociable - He filled up when we changed carriages
& one lady, I observed a long coat into the lap of one

next seat, I saw as she "bin!" - Marrying, - fine for
long curls on safely when for so travelling! She did
not know, until my neighbours said, "Vieci, Madame"
I was tired, & glad to get to our hotel, & went to bed
very early - But it was a noisy place, & we were near
the station, & trains arrive all through the night,
& of course people must be up to attend to departing
& arriving guests, & again start to keep them so as
possible, & my dreams were troubled - Next morn'g
was very warm again, & we tried to get out early
to see the old town, among in the history of the
Dukes of Burgundy - We went to the Palais de Justice,
the old Palace of Dukes of Burgundy, saw old rooms
& carved wood ceilings, & a curious porch, very old
carved wood doors, & a huge fire-place, & such pretty
flowers in the court yard - Then by a church, the porch
by a pupil of Michel Angelo, the effect of this,
& yet not a bit of Gothic in it, all curves & rounds! In
the music, the largest of the old Ducal Palaces,
the kitchen, with joined roof & fireplaces where 4
even might be roasted whole at once, the tower where
Duke René was imprisoned, & another tower all that
is left of the old building - But there is a heat bath on
side, & fine large rooms where I believe parliament
were held, & now where are picture galleries, &c -
& the famous, elaborate tomb of various nobles & lords,

could be any but themselves in the carriage - Dec⁽⁴⁾
sidedly the most civil & agreeable, were the two
other passengers, a lady's maid & footman - But
it is a shame for a great rail-way, especially any
that pride themselves on management as the French
do, on such a day to so crowd their carriages on such
a long route - I got in cross, & I can't say how
as the day went on. The Country is uninteresting
& tedious, great plains, hot & brown with reaped
harvest of grain & grass, endless rows of Lombardy
poplars, solid, square, stone farm-houses with high
stone-walls round farm-yard, or villages crowded
close, with white, bare streets in the hot sun -
Part of the way vineyards, but they are only trained
on sticks & cut low, & more walls around them -
As we drew near Paris it grew more hilly & more
picturesque, with more varied trees & cultivation,
& now & then handsome country houses & Chateaux,
with trim gardens & little ponds - But one is
struck everywhere with how much more vegetable
must be an article of diet than with ^{us} one sees such
immense fields of fields of them of all kinds - It
grew fresher as the afternoon passed, & we reached
Paris at 6 o'clock. The station arrangements were cer-
tainly good; on going through the appointed "Porte",

an official met us & asked how much luggage we had, in tolerable English, advised us to take a little omnibus, shewed us to one, told us the fare, which he wrote on a printed ticket handed by the driver, said the man would take ~~it~~ ^{the luggage} when the r.r. porter took it, when such doors were closed. - So the luggage is all sorted & arranged, & presently the ^{r.r.} ~~porter~~ ^{porter} ~~took~~ ^{took} it, got his little fee, ~~it~~ ^{he} goes on top the omnibus, & we were off for nearly an hour's drive across Paris to the Athenée, where we all were last November.

Saturday I went out with Dr Gray to do some errands & get some things going before the rest arrived, both ordered & measured for, &c. &c. - Then we looked about rooms, & decided to stay where we were, taking the same parlour & bed room we had before; Dr Phos & the girls would be particularly well accommodated, & we get our meals served in our rooms at the same rate as at the restaurant down stairs. - We get parlor & three chambers for 24 francs - Then later we went to dine at the Palais Royal, no Rue Rivoli; & next afterwards to amuse ourselves looking in at windows at the Palais Royal, & admiring jewelry & all sorts of splendours & fancy things. - I took a monstrous long walk, & so have kept quiet today, except for the ^{probable} street, as quiet as a Sunday in Cambridge! Dr G. has been to church - Much love to you all, from Mrs. H.